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Washington State Department of Agriculture

DAIRY NUTRIENT INSPECTOR (Agricultural Chemical Specialist)

Range 49 \$3293 - \$4322 per month

Eastern Washington (preferred candidate to live in Yakima or Moses Lake vicinity)

Come Join our Diverse and Dedicated Team

The Washington State Department of Agriculture serves the people of Washington State by supporting the agricultural community and promoting consumer and environmental protection.

The Department employs over 500 employees on a permanent basis and up to 200 additional employees on a nonpermanent basis for various seasonal work load needs in jobs ranging from brand inspectors, grain inspectors, and food safety officers, to computer information consultants and accountants. Offices and employees are located throughout the state.

This position will serve as the dairy nutrient management inspector for Eastern Washington counties and is responsible for conducting inspections of dairies and occasionally other livestock facilities to determine compliance with the requirements of the 1998 Dairy Nutrient Management Act, RCW 90.64. Compliance is also evaluated under the state water pollution control requirements of RCW 90.48 and the federal Clean Water Act.

We offer:

- 11 Paid Holidays
- Sick and Vacation Leave
- Retirement
- Health, Dental and Vision
- Life and Long Term Disability
- (Optional) Dependent Care Assistance and Deferred Compensation Programs
- Free Training
- Tuition Reimbursement
- Employee Recognition
- And Much More

DUTIES:

- Conduct complex inspections of dairies, permitted CAFOs and occasionally other animal feeding operations (AFO's) under potentially contentious circumstances to identify compliance with water quality laws
- Recommend enforcement where there is evidence of violations or risk to water quality.
- Provide assistance or referrals for technical assistance in complying with the requirements of the rules to protect water quality.
- Work cooperatively with other program staff
- Effectively coordinate with other partners , particularly Ecology regarding CAFO permit issues (NRCS, conservation districts, and other agencies) on nutrient management technical issues.
- Manage and track a large caseload of livestock facilities, prepare monthly reports, prepare and make public presentations.
- Collect and understand water quality data.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- A Bachelor's degree which must include at least 25 semester or 40 quarter hours in a natural or physical science and three years of professional experience in a natural resource, environmental or health regulatory agency, or in the feed or fertilizer industry.
- A Master's degree in a natural or physical science will substitute for one year of required experience.
- A Ph.D. degree in a natural or physical science will substitute for two years of required experienced.

PREFERRED CANDIDATE QUALITIES:

The preferred candidate will demonstrate:

- Ability to communicate effectively both verbally and in writing
- Ability to manage and track multiple projects and/or caseloads
- Ability to deal with difficult and sometimes openly combative people and to maintain a productive dialogue;

The preferred candidate will demonstrate at least two of the following:

- Experience working with livestock facilities, livestock operators and/or any segment of agricultural community in general;
- Experience working with water pollution control and/or livestock nutrient management regulations;
- Possess a Certified Crop Advisor license from the American Society of Agronomy or Nutrient Management Planner Certification from NRCS.
- Experience conducting inspections and investigations, and formal legal enforcement actions;
- Experience with other agricultural or water quality technical assistance programs, management or enforcement.

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www.agr.wa.gov

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- Enjoy working with producers to find practical and effective solutions.

NOTE: This position must be able to travel. A valid driver's license is required.

CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT:

- Candidate must live or be willing to live in Yakima or Moses Lake vicinity
- 40 hour workweek with some evening and weekend work required.
- Frequently works alone
- Working outdoors required with likelihood to include inclement weather and traveling on foot over rough and difficult terrain during investigations and sampling events.
- Position requires extensive travel (50%). A state vehicle is assigned to the position.

HOW TO APPLY – DO NOT APPLY THROUGH CAREERS.WA.GOV

- Send a letter describing your interest in this position including how your specific knowledge, skills and abilities meet the qualifications and requirements
- Send an application (<http://www.dop.wa.gov/Pages/forms.aspx>) showing employment history, experience and education.

Send full packet no later than **April 20, 2010** to:

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